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### ABOUT TOWN.

—Miss Anna L. Ward is visiting in Baltimore.

—Dr. C. H. Bailey and family are stopping at Highland, N. J.

—The Baxter House and Park House are well patronized this year.

—Miss Edith Beckwith started for Peekskill, N. Y., on Wednesday.

—Hon. Amzi Dodd and wife have returned from New York State.

—Mr. James H. Way is still in a very dangerous condition.

—James Conway, of Boston, has been spending a week in Bloomfield.

—Lewis R. Chew has been spending a few days at Ocean Grove.

—While Davis will spend a few weeks with his relatives at Pompton, N. J.

—Geo. S. Record has started for a short trip to Boston and the Eastern States.

—The family of Mr. E. P. Mitchell, of Glen Ridge, are summering at Bath, Me.

—Mr. L. Sherwood will spend his vacation in Buffalo, taking his wife with him.

—On Saturday last the German Sunday-school of this place went to Iona Island on the Hudson.

—Miss Emma Allen, of Jersey City, has been visiting her uncle, Mr. T. C. Mace, during the past week.

—Mr. William P. Lyon has been quite sick during the past week with lung fever. He is now slowly improving.

—A party of ladies and gentlemen from Glen Ridge went on a moonlight ride to Paterson on Wednesday evening.

—August Pilger, aged 20, who is well known in Bloomfield, died in New York on Tuesday morning after a brief illness.

—Over 1,500 tickets have been disposed of by the members of the Hose Company for their picnic to be held on August 20th.

—The meetings of the Westminster Society of Young People have been postponed until the regular meeting in September.

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—The sidewalk in front of Charles L. Ward's residence, which has just been repaired, is a pretty affair and reflects great credit on the taste of the owner. "Go ye and do likewise."

—The Athletics visited Elizabeth Saturday and defeated the strong nine of that place, which was hardly expected of them, by the following score: Athletics, 5; Elizabeth, 4.

—Albert H. Meeker and Mary A. DeLany, daughter of Andrew DeLany, were united in marriage on Thursday at the Church of the Sacred, by the Rev. Father Nardiello.

—We are glad to hear of the improved condition of Mrs. George Roubaud's health. Mrs. Roubaud has returned from her visit with friends in Philadelphia, and has gone to Monticello, N. Y.

—The marriage of John C. S. Winnie

to Miss Dora Lockwood took place on Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Mr. Simons.

—A game of base ball was played on their grounds on Saturday, between the Nameless club, of Bloomfield, and a picked nine from New York. After an exciting game, which lasted until dark, the New York club were declared winners, by a score of 11 to 10.

—Theron W. Ackerman was very seriously injured by being run against at the ball match at the Morris neighborhood on Saturday last. He was not only thrown down but the person fell on him in such a manner as to rupture a blood-vessel, causing internal hemorrhage. He has been lying in a precarious condition the whole week.

—A meeting of the voters and residents of Watessing, irrespective of party or party prejudice, has been appointed for Friday evening, August 15th, 1884, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Elliot Brothers' Hat Factory, Watessing. The object being to devise means looking towards the control and suppression of the liquor traffic in that community and the township at large. A full attendance of the friends of the Temperance cause is especially desired.

—An accident occurred on Friday, of last week at the Essex Paper Mills, by which Samuel Hunsan, a workman, was severely injured. While cleaning the boxes near the agitator in the dyeing-room, his pants were caught by the machinery, and his leg fractured before it could be stopped. Forunately the motion was much slower than usual or more serious injury would have resulted. The injured limb was set by Dr. Bailey and he is now doing well.

—Several Bloomfielders have registered at the Forest House, Budd's Lake, in Morris County. The lake is in the eastern end of Schooley's mountain and is noted for its beautiful surroundings. The terms are very reasonable while the accommodations are the best. The Forest House will accommodate about 150 guests. Among the guests there at present is the family of Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage, of Brooklyn.

—The fourth annual afternoon and evening picnic of the Bloomfield Hat Finishers' Association was held at Weavers' Grove on Wednesday evening. A large company were present and enjoyed the music and dancing until a late hour. The officers of the association are Jos. Harrison, President; Jos. Newton, Vice-President; Alex. Brown, Secretary, and Henry Bradley, Treasurer. James Brady was floor manager. Music was furnished by Prof. Parsage.

—The Bloomfield Republican Battery was re-organized on Thursday evening with the following named gentlemen as officers: A. Edward Hagemann, Pres't; William Sheppard, Vice-Pres't; Joseph Schoup, Treasurer; John Robinson, Secretary; Charles F. Batchelor, Captain; William Sheppard, First Lieutenant; Joseph Schoup, Second Lieutenant; William Campbell, Sergeant. The club starts off with twenty-two members and invite many young Republicans to enroll themselves as members. They are anxious to secure a wigwag for the campaign, and will use their influence in that direction.

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the rear of his property, which is to carry the water from the Liberty street culvert. The amount of taxes due, with interest and cost is \$230. One hundred feet of hose was ordered purchased for use on the Truck. The present hose was reported as being unfit for use. The title of Fire Marshall was changed to read Chief Engineer. Mr. Marsh then appointed Samuel W. Sablin as his first assistant and William C. Puffer as second assistant, which appointments were confirmed.

H. M. Barrett, Township Counsel, then stated to the committee that at the meeting of the County Assessors last week the amount of the valuation of the taxable property in Bloomfield was raised \$100,000 by the Board in an unlawful manner, as a penalty on the Bloomfield Assessor for refusing to take the prescribed oath to his returns. He read the statute, under which the amount could be raised by the Board, and claimed that their action was entirely illegal. He stated a parallel case occurring with the East Orange Assessor two years ago, in increasing the valuation \$200,000, and when it was contested in the Supreme Court, it was set aside as illegal. Mr. Barrett was ordered to contest the case in the Supreme Court in November. The Sidewalk Committee were instructed to relay the walk on Glenwood avenue, on either side of the livery stable, to conform with the grade lately established. The wretched condition of the walk near the old hotel property was referred to, but no action was taken.

### B. F. A. Notes.

On Monday night, just after the large fire broke out in Jersey City, two members of the department were attracted by the light issuing from the chimney of the Watessing foundry with the glare of the large fire in the rear. After a careful survey from the tower they decided that it was a fire and rang the bell. The company turned out and went as far as Race street when they discovered their mistake and returned. In leaving the house the weight of the men on the truck was too much for the floor, and two of the wheels broke through, causing slight damage to an axle, which has been repaired.

On Tuesday evening the Directors of the Fire Association met in the Truck House. As nine o'clock arrived one of the Trustees tried his hand at striking the hour. "No result yet," said one. "We are up to the ears in persons have been heard to remark that the Truck boys were all drunk, and it was them who made the mistake. The statement is false, as is also the other rumor, that the members of the Truck Company have passed remarks about persons while passing the Truck House. It is true that remarks have been made, but in each case it has been done by those who have no connection with the department. The boys have tried to give them to understand that their room was better than their company, but they will not take the hint. There are several persons in town who delight in finding fault with the boys at the Truck House, and who stood to false reports to satisfy that desire, while the boys are trying in every way to retain the good opinion and respect which the public now have for them.

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### Republican Meeting.

A meeting to elect delegates to the Electoral Convention August 6th, was held at Library Hall on evening of 4th inst. Mr. Charles M. Davis was called to the Chair, and Mr. John F. Folsom was elected Secretary. The following were elected delegates: Thos. McGowan, M. W. Jones, Halsey M. Barrett. As alternates, C. H. Halfpenny, C. E. F. Davis, W. R. Weeks, and Wm. Baldwin. The meeting proved an interesting one, as all present seemed anxious to have the campaign opened, and several speeches were made in praise of the grand old party and its candidates.

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to the north. Each is capable of accommodating from three to four hundred people. Every effort was made by the managers for the comfort and pleasure of their guests. The piazzas of the hotels and the spacious grounds were thrown open to all, affording the views of this grand river and mountain scenery. Upon the river the little steamer "Rocky" carried its passengers upon half hour trips to the foot of Mount Minn and the entrance to the wind-cavern, affording excellent views of the mountain which rises some 700 feet from sea level an uninterrupted view down the Gap, through which the Delaware has cut its way. The cavern is closed by a door, through which, when opened, the air rushes with great power, and at a temperature many degrees lower than that of the surrounding atmosphere. The Caldoro Falls, Marshall Falls, Eureka Glen, the lake, and arbors, are among the other attractions. The return was made at five o'clock, reaching Newark at 8:45, and giving about six hours at the Gap. Great credit is due Mr. Frank J. Griffiths the manager, for the completeness of his arrangements, and his kind attention to the wants of his guests.

### The New Jersey Reform League.

In response to the call sent out by the Bland Brook Reform Club to the reform clubs of the State, about one hundred delegates, representing twenty-seven clubs with a membership of four thousand, six hundred and ninety-one, assembled on Tuesday afternoon (July 29th) in the Masonic Hall, at Bound Brook, N. J.

The object of the convention was to consider, and if thought best, to adopt, some plan of union to advance the cause of temperance, and it was composed of good substantial citizens, many of them prominent business men in their several localities, men fully awake to the interests of this great reform.

The convention was permanently organized as the New Jersey Reform League, to have its meeting on the third Tuesday of July of each year.

W. B. Maxson, Mayor of Plainfield, was called to the chair, and on the permanent organization was elected president of the League.

While waiting for the committee on a plan of organization to report, and after the usual routine business was performed, each Reform club was given an opportunity to state what it had accomplished and to express itself as to what plan of work should be adopted for the future. A Plainfield delegate reported that while five months ago they had no reform club, they now have one with a membership of eight hundred. That the saloons are being closed, the proprietors are giving up their leases and seeking other fields for investment, and by earnest work, assisted by the clergyman of the place, they have raised \$2,000, and have purchased a church, now being decorated, which they expect to dedicate this month, to formally open, and to have a grand mass meeting of the reform clubs.

A member of the Montclair club stated that the time was, and not long ago, when the people there prayed, but did no work; but they had been aroused, and recently have been working as well as praying, and the result is a flourishing club, the closing of many of the saloons, and to take the word of the proprietors, those that are open do not pay. He with nearly all of the speakers, criticized the women who have been so devoted to this cause, and said that they stand for principle, while the men wait and only move with the majority.

The sentiment of the convention was well expressed by a clause in the constitution, which is: "Nothing in this constitution shall be so construed as to interfere with the individual rights of any club in this League, or with the personal liberty of any member."

All the proceedings moved along with harmony, and every one seemed much pleased and considered the convention a great success.

During the recess at 5 o'clock, all partook of refreshments spread in an adjoining room by the